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WRITE NAMES ON BALLOT.

On Friday the voters of Oregon will be called upon to nominate candidates for the various state and county offices. This they will do by direct vote, so that each ticket will represent the choice of a majority of the party voters.

The direct primary law has taken the power from the bosses and politicians and given it to the people, and the people can only blame themselves if they don't get the right kind of men in office. When the candidates offering themselves upon one ticket do not measure up to standard, those from the other ticket should be selected.

There is an organized revolt among the prominent politicians of the republican party to undo the primary law and restore the old days of the rule of the boss and the grafter.

It is important to be sure that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and the neglect and apathy of the public has made possible the rule of the boss, who is always on the alert. Hence the people must awake or lose their power.

The first battle between the people and the bosses is over the election of Statement No. 1 men. The remnants of the old republican machine is lined up solidly against Statement No. 1, which enables the popular election of United States senators. The fight over this change of the direct primary law is only the opening wedge of the fight against the entire law.

In Jackson county the republicans have no Statement No. 1 men in the field. Both of the aspirants for the legislature think their own judgment superior to the judgment of all the people, hence they ought to be left at home and made to realize the rule of people.

As long as people followed the lead of politicians and voted blindly for party men, corruption ruled. Now the people are realizing that there is nothing in the party cry for any one except the politicians and the corruptocrats, and are refusing to vote for men simply because they wear a tag of one color or another.

If the commission applicants refuse to stay by Statement No. 1, republican voters had better write in the name of some republican than to vote for men who regard themselves superior to the people. It will serve as a protest, anyway.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

One of the delights of finding a newspaper in this beautiful valley of the Rogue is the receipt of letters like the following: Central Point, Oregon, Apr. 14th, 1908. Mr. Geo. Putnam, Medford, Ore.

Dear Sir, In reading the Southern Oregonian, I notice that you are giving notice of people who live in the City of Central Point, Oregon. But your statement of the occurrence is from Central Point, Oregon. Now did it ever occur to you that Central Point, Oregon, was on the MAP and that it was an Incorporated City, and that it is RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY. Of course you like our MONEY, and you like to have us subscribe for your Paper, BUT what do you give us in return for our Money? Answer, by running us in on switch and sitting a brake on us when occasion permits. Now you are welcome to the Money that I paid you for the subscription to the southern Oregonian, but PLEASE discontinue sending it, as I do not wish my office harassed by its presence.

Yours &c Central Point Real Estate Co. By C. S. SANDERSON, Manager.

The writer of the above missive is indignant because a personal turned in by someone or other was printed, crediting somebody or other with living in Central Point precinct instead of specifying Central Point City. He imagines it is a studied insult, and a slight to the great city of Central Point, situated right in the center of the Rogue River valley.

Staff and nonsense! This paper has neither the time, space nor inclination to do other than boost for Central Point as it boosts for all other portions of the valley, for the more such communities prosper the more the entire valley prospers, and it hopes the day will come when Central Point will be central in all things as well as location.

The above article belongs largely to the "Yellowed" category. Only women and fools write letters.

AN ACT OF INJUSTICE.

The city council committee did a little thing last night when it failed to assess the water tax according to a new bill of some jurisdiction. It then, when deliberating on the matter, had a three hour session with the city council.

sued until the mayor obeys their demands.

Living in a small town often makes people little. The action of these councilmen was not logical, reasonable or judicious and cannot be defended as other than the result of petty spite, microscopic in its smallness.

It is no punishment in the mayor to force Bass & Hale to please, but it is working an injustice upon an innocent party. No reason is given for the net other than a desire to cause the mayor. If there was any reason why the firm should be made to close its doors, any pretense of a reason, why, when the law has been complied with, a long-established concern should be compelled to suffer, through no fault of its own, the case would be different. But there isn't. No fault is found, no complaints have been filed, the law has been complied with and an orderly place conducted.

It is regrettable in this extreme that such dissent among city officials should arise at a time when everybody should be pulling for a greater Medford, and small differences and petty animosities forgotten for the common good. They should remember that they were elected by the people to serve the people and not to work private vengeance.

In this the Tribune is not championing any side, but is calling solely in the interest of fair play and a square deal, to which everyone is entitled.

CALIFORNIA OBJECTED WITH GUN TO CHARIVARI.

The charivari has received a severe check in Southern California at the hands of a legislature with to some of the humor of the "Barn of Scandal." He put point and penetration into his remonstrance by firing a double load of birdshot into the charivari party from a shotgun.

Unfortunately, the law does not countenance or reward this sort of discouragement of the charivari, and so the Hensdel was arrested and obliged to give bail. But a sympathetic jury is likely to set his free, with a verdict of justifiable and commendable shooting, or something to that effect.—Sacramento Bee.

SHEEP COMMISSIONERS ASK COYOTE BOUNTY LAW.

SALEM, Or., April 15.—Enactment of a coyote scalp bounty law is strongly urged in the annual report of the board of sheep commissioners, which has been filed. The board asserts that last year 250,000 sheep, valued at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, were slain by coyotes. The board says that efforts were made, by means of a published pamphlet, to instruct sheepmen how to make use of this enemy of the industry, but the opinion is expressed that hounds and dogs of sheep, but of goats, pigs, calves and colts, will be numerous until the entire state combines, through the agency of a scalp bounty law.

The board reports that the wool clip of Oregon for 1907 was 15,500,000 pounds, valued at \$8,121,000. The average weight of the Oregon fleece was 6 1/2 pounds, the highest average in any state in the union. The number of sheep exported was 259,800, the value of which is not given.

The board also says that the dipping law is being observed, with the result that sheep have been positively eradicated. Last year 257,770 infected sheep and 2,059,227 sheep free from disease were dipped in this state at a cost of \$75,129.00 for dipping and \$1912 for inspection.

An increased appropriation is asked for the expenses of the board, but the amount desired is not stated.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

William Allen, the plumber, was over from Medford the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Ed Bines left for Portland Tuesday evening to receive medical attention.

Miss Ella Grayson has been over from Medford several times lately, helping the district attorney during the absence of his stenographer.

Charles Nichol and family spent Tuesday with relatives living here.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Portland aggregation of ball tossers finally won a game from San Francisco, after dropping seven to the Seals. Pinnau and Healy were the opposing pitchers, and the score was 7 to 0. McCredie has a good ball team, but there is something lacking. Perhaps the boys do not flourish under Mac's management, for it is said he has a penitentiary turn and does not treat his players right. Be that as it may, they invariably make some kind of a loser before the game is five innings all and instead of carrying ahead and keeping their lead they go the other way right along. The principal fault of the team now seems to be its inability to run the bases. In the games played thus far the Beavers have not hit a touch of slushness on the paths.

With Neil, manager of the team, the heavyweight champion of the world, but with the announcement that he had broken down as a box club last season, the world heavyweight and the team in 10 rounds. Neil will not have much to do. Neil will not have much to do. Neil will not have much to do.

ted \$30,000 as his share of the purse, win or lose, or unless his man, being champion, is allowed to dictate the terms. The proposition of James Coffey of San Francisco to offer a \$25,000 purse for the fight was rejected as being too small.

Packey McFarland, the Chicago light-weight, had no trouble in disposing of Jimmy Britt at San Francisco Saturday night. The winner is a pugilistic wonder. Although he is less than 25 years old, he has an abundance of speed, cleverness and a punch that hurts. Britt was all but knocked out in the sixth round, when he was dragged from the ring by his father.

The big leagues will open the baseball season in the east this week. Judging from the attendance at the preliminary and practice games, the interest in the national game is more widespread than ever this year. Predictions are freely made that this will be baseball's banner year. The number of professional leagues that will be seen in competition this year is larger than ever before. The 16 clubs that comprise the American and national leagues are reported in good shape and ready for the empire to cry, "Play ball!" According to experts, the race for the championship in the respective organizations will be closer than it has been for several seasons past.

Miss Jeunesse Butler

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